Reply.—This has received the attention of the Town Improvement Committee and a sub-committee has been appointed to report on the matter. Government await their report.

253. Diversion of Kalathi Samban water.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai (Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) represented that this was a long pending matter and requested that it might be soon disposed of.

Reply.—The matter is under correspondence and will be disposed of as early as practicable.

254. Execution of irrigation works to divert water from the hilly tracts into the Alathurayar.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukhham Pillai said that the supply of water through the Alathurayar was at present not at all adequate to meet the demands of the numerous fields depending upon it for irrigation and this resulted in frequent failure of crops. He observed that a very large quantity of water falling in the hilly regions found its way along the Pazhayar to the sea without serving any useful purpose. This could be easily diverted so as to join the Alathurayar by the execution of a few irrigation works.

Reply.—If a separate representation on the subject is made, it will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

255. Ananthankulam caul extension.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai said that this was another matter of interest to the agricultural population of Nanjanad, that is pending disposal.

Reply.—This matter is already under investigation by the Public Works Department.

256. Appointment of a full-time officer for land acquisition work in connection with the opening of the Tovala channel.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai observed that the Special officer appointed for the acquisition of lands for the Tovala channel had been recently reverted to his former post and that it would be well to depute a full-time officer for that work again, as otherwise it could not be expected to be soon completed.

Reply.—The work as at present conducted seems to progress

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